

Three Bloodie Murders:

The first, committed by *Francis Cartwright* vpon *William Storre*, M^r. of *Att*, Minister and Preacher at *Market Ratisin* in the countie of *Lincolne*.

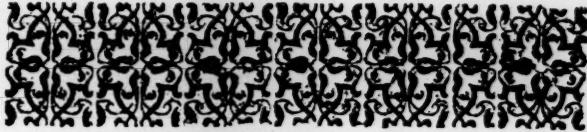
The Secon^t, committed by *Elizabeth Iames*, on the body of her Mayde, in the Parish of *Egham in Surrie*: who was condemned for the same fact at *Saint Margarets hill* in *Southwark*, the 2. of July 1613, and lieth in the *White Lion* till her deliuerie: discouered by a dombe Mayde, and a Dogge.

The Third, committed vpon a stranger, very lately neere *High-cane* foure miles from *London*: very strange ly found out by a Dogge also, the 2. of July. 1613.



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To the Reader.



Or that some of C A R T-
W R I G H T S fauourites
wanting colour to excuse al-
together the foulnesse of his
fact, doe yet indeauour to
qualifie the same in what
measure they can, affirming
that hee beeing a young man,

was prouoked, and stirred vp by euill wordes to com-
mit that in the heate of his blood, which otherwayes
he would never haue committed. And some others,
being them selues either of a loose conuersation, or
at the least enemies to the Ministerie of the Gospell,
would seeme to extenuate the crime, by imputing it, as
a iust reward due, not onely to the partie murdered, but
also to the most of his calling for their ouer-bold
checking, and (as they tearme it) domineering ouer
their betters; because indeed, they reprooue the gene-
rall corruptions that so abounde in euery corner:
And least also it might happily be surmised by some in-
differently affected, that many thinges in this relation,
might partially proceede in fauour of the dead man,
from some of his friendes; it is therefore thought fitte,
for the better satisfying of the later sort, to assure them,

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that there is nothing set dwyne, but that which is to
be iustified by very sufficient proofe: and for the bet-
ter answering of the former scandalles, and such like,
heere be annexed the testimonie (as it were) of foure
substanciall Iuries, which speake of their credite what
they knew concerning the man. The first doth con-
sist of the better sort of his Parishioners where he re-
mayned: the second, of the Worshippers in the Coun-
trie, to whom he was best knowne: the third, of
the chiefe of such Ministers among whom
he conuerced: and the fourth, of the
learned in the Vniuersitie where
he was brought vp.

(. . .)

The manner of the Mur-

ther of William Storre Mast. of Art,
Minister and Preacher at Market
Ryng in the Countie of Lincolne.

No long since, there happened some
controversy betwene the Lordes and
the rest of the Inhabitants of Mar-
ket Raisin in the Countie of Lin-
colne, concerning their Commons
and Libertie in the Towne-fieldes ;
and the matter being moued by one
of them in the Church immediatly
after Euening prayer on a Sabaoth
day. divers hot intemperate speaches passed among them :
Whereby their Minister, whose name was M. Storre,
much disliking so indiscreete a course, wised them to haue
respect both to the time, and place where they were : And
further aduised ; seeing the cause in hand concerned a multi-
tude, (amongst whom, some of the least government, would
alwayes be the readiest to speake,) that they would there-
foze make choyce of two or thre of the fittest, and most sub-
stantiall men, to answere, and undertake for all the rest.
This motion seemed to please them well, and therewpon they
intreated him, that he would first, as a man indifferent, speake
what he thought concerning the cause. But he not willing to
intermeddle in that matter, twise or thrise denied their re-
quest : And the rather, for that there was present one Fran-
cis Cartwright, a young man of an vnbriable humour, the
only Sonne and Heire to one of the same Lordes of the
Towne, betwixt whom, and himselfe, there was growne no

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small unkindnesse. Yet in the end, being pressed therewards by their importunitie, with the consent of both the parties, he deliuered his opinion, vsing therein such discretion and reasons to confirme the same, that they could not directly except against him. Notwithstanding, seeing him incline more to the right of the free-holders and the rest of the Commons, then to fauour their intended purpose, they seemed to dislike his speaches, and to cauill at the same.

Young Cartwright standing by, not able any longer to containe himselfe, tooke occasion herevpon to bzeake boorth abruptly into chele wordes. The Priest deserueth a good Fee, he speaketh so like a Lawyer. Maister Storre hauing often a soozetime had experiance of his hotte stomacke, and hastinesse aswell towardes others as himselfe, thought it best to reply little against him for that present. But the other respecting neither the time, nor place, nor yet the dutifull regard hee shoule haue had to his Fathers presence, vittered many moe such base and odious tearmes, that for modestie sake, I forbeare to rehearse them. The next morning as Maister Scorre, and some others of his neighbours were talking with the elder Cartwright about these his Sonnes abuses, hee came vnto them where they were, interrupting their conference, and fell into the like outragious raylings as he vsed the night before.

The Minister seeing this second incursion more violent then the former, replied to some of his wordes, returning them backe againe, as more properly to be applyed to himselfe.

This reply he tooke in such highe disgrace, that had not his Father hindred it, hee had there presently with his Dagger effected some part of that mischiefe, which afterwarde hee put iu practise: But beeinge not suffered so to doe, hee departed from them into the open Market place, and there proclaymed, That Storre was a scuruie, lowrie, paltrie Priest: that whosoeuer sayd hee was his friend, or spake
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in his cause, was a Rogue and a Rascall : that hee would (but for the Law) cut his Throat, teare out his Heart, and hang his Quarters on the May-pole.

These speeches, and many moe of the like qualitie, being dapyly giuen out, occasioned M. Scorre to thinke it now high time to prouide for his owne safetie ; and therefore hee went to some Justices neere adioyning, acquainted them with these proceedinges, and desired the Good-behaviour against the layd Cartwright. But they doubting whether they might graunt the same in this case, or not, offered him for his present safegard, The Peace, and the other at the next quarter Sessions, if occasion so required.

Hee not resolute what were best to be done, whether to accept of this offer, or to complaine himselfe before the High Commissioners ; came home, and the next Sabbath tooke his text out of Isaah Chap.1. verse 9. in these wordz. Except the Lord of Hostes had reserved vnto vs, euen a small remnant, we had been as Sodome, and like vnto Gomaa:ah. The which wordes, by the generall report euen of his enemies that heard him, he handled very learnedly, and deliuered out of the same, many poyntes of necessary doctrine ; vsing cuer among, sundry louing exhortacions, now and then also as occasion serued, inserting some sharpe, and nipping reprehentions.

Young Cartwright seemed to note it diligently with his pen : but as the stomacke filled with raw humors, corrup, feth all good nourishment that commeth therein ; so this mans minde fraught with rancor and malice, westered all thinges he heard, into the worst sense, as purposely spoken against him ; and after that, moze and moze thirsted for reuenge.

About a weeke after, he espied M. Scorre walking about eight of the clocke in the morning alone, by the south side of the Towne in his cloake, went to a Cutlers shop, and tooke out of the same a shoyt Sword, formerly prouidid, and made

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made very sharpe soz that purpose, and presently ouertooke him. The other hearing one at his heeles, looked backe, and saw him drawing his Sword as he came; noting also by the palenesse of his visage, how mightely he was incited to mischiefe; and seeing no meanes either to escape, or to defens himselfe, was greatly agast, and purposed to vse some speeches (if it were possible) somewhat to allwage his passions.

But Cartwright beeing double armed, both with Force, and Furie, woulde abide no parly, but presently at the first blow, cutte his left Legge almost off; and then making at his Head, M. Storre casting vp his Armes to defende it, (for other weapon had he none,) hee gaue him two mortall woundes on the soverpart therof thowzow the Braine-pan, cutt off three of his Fingers, and gaue him other two grievous woundes on the outside of eicher Arme betweene the Elbow and the Hand; the one to the middest of the Arme, and the other more then halfe in sunder, deuiding the maine Bone two ynches one part from another.

Thus massacred, hee fell backward into a puddle of wa-
ter, and striuing to recover himselfe, the Splinter-woke of
his Legge halle cut thowzow afoze, knapt in two, and his
Heele doubled backe to the Calle of his Legge.

Cartwright not yet satisfie with the Blood he had al-
ready drennen, continued his rage still more fiercely vpon
him, and gaue him another gash on the outside of the right
Thigh to the very bone: And againe on the left Knee, his
Legge being bended as he lay, he cut him the fasshion and
compasse of an Horsle-shoe, battering in peeces the Whirle-
bone, and the nether part of the Thigh-bone, that it was
most grievous euuen to behold. Some smaller woundes he
had, and sundry other blowes which came not to his skinne;
as appeared by the mangling of his Apparell.

A Mayde comming that way by occasion of busynesse,
cryed out; wherevpon hee fledde, and many of the Neigh-
bours

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hours came presently to the place, and beholding this woe-full spectacle, their Minister thus wallowing in the myre, and his blood so extremely gushing out, ranne some of them into the Towne with such a confused noyse, and outcry of Murther, that others hearing it, supposed there had beene fire, and went with all speed to towle the Belles. Thus was all sodainly in an vpzoze, yet few or none could tell what the matter was. The rest of moze discretion, tooke vp the wounded man, carryed him to the next house, where one of the Constables dwelt, and made very good and speedie meanes to binde vp his Woundes, and to stauch his blood.

Against the next day, was prouided a Bone-setter, and three or four of the best Chyurgions thereabout; who when they came to dresse him, were of opinion, that if hee died not at the opening of his Woundes, and soying together of his Bones, hee would at the least be very subiect to often sounding. Yet hee beyonde all their expectation, induced all extreamities (which necessarie in that case imposed on him to abide,) soz thre hower space at the least, & never fainted, or changed colour: The which thing induced them to alter their minde, and to hope, (as it were) past all hope, that he would escape it. But the deadly blowes had so perished his Braines, & let out so great a quantite of his Blood in other partes of his body, that it was not possible hee shoud recover: So that after hee had languished in very great paine from Monday morning till the next Sunday after midnight; (which was at the change of the Moone,) hee ended his life.

The time that hee thus continued, hee spent much to the profite of himselfe, and to no lesse comfort of those that came to visit him: For besides many diuine meditations hee dayly vittered, and thankes to God for his so mercifull a visitation, in giuing him both such time, and memorie to prepare himselfe: hee also heartily forgaue, and continually

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prayed for his greatest and deadliest Enemie, whom hee esteemed now, in woyse state and more miserable, then him selfe.

Mord to leau the dead man (as no doubt hee is) with the Lord : it is not amisse brycely to declare by what meaneſ the offendour escaped.

Presently after he had committed this truelte, he hasted home to his Fathers house, on the backe-side; and the truthe of his fact being now knowynge, many that were already asſtumbled, and knew not at the first, about what matter, came to apprehende the fellow. But his Father fearing least in that desperate heate, hee shold doe some more mischiefe, did what hee coulde to pacifie the tumult vntill the Conſables came, and then deliuered him. They ſending for thre or fourre of ſuch as they thought best, which had ſome of them ſeen the Woundes as well as one of the Conſables him ſelfe had done, carried him to a Justice: Where, either for lacke of their due information of the truthe, or by the corrupt, and fauourable affection of the Magistrate, or both, there was a very ſlender bayle taken, and the malefactor by this ſlight ſent away.

Presently after his escape, the manner of this Murther being ſo barbarous, and comming to the eares of the late L. Archb. of Canterbury, and of ſome other of the priuie Councell, a Pursuivant or Pelleſenger was by them directed ſooorth for the Justice that thus had tayled him: who not willing to make his appearance before their Honours, obtained by great and ſpeciall meaneſ; and the rather, because of his age and impotencie (being not able to trauell) to haue the hearing of the cauſe referred to the Judges of that circuit, at their next Assyles. In the meane time, (as ſtille he remayneth) hee was put out of Commission; and the Conſable also in whose house M. Storre died, was bound ouer to anſwere for his contempt.

When the Assyles ſhould haue been kept, vpon ſome occaſi-

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cation, it fand put off halfe a yare's letage whiche shme,
Carrieng his tricusses (the horriblie remenantes and myrie
in Fraunce, and another wch in the Englysshme) his
houldred by corrupt deallng, and hys hundreth shilling to come
about his Prelacie, to purchase his Prelacie; and at the
end, notwithstanding the issuefull of his cause, obtained the
same, and sent for him ouer agayne into England.

The counte of Justice (contrarie to all expection) thus
being released, the poore Widdow, though both her selfe and
her three small Chyldezen depended onely on such charitable
reliefe, as it pleased God to moue others to bestow vpon
them, was driven with all speed, in the most dangerous tyme
of sicknesse, to travell to London, and there in her owne
person (for none other might doe it) to sue looth her Ap-
peale.

Hervpon hee durst never shew hymselfe openly, but
lurked in secret among his Friendes, hoping that either the
Widdow might be compounded withall, or els to finde
some errour in her proceedinges, to overthow her Appaile.
But when he could no way preuaile, either with the large
offers dayly made to her for agreement, nor his counsaile
finde any erronious proceeding, that might hold Plea in
Law to stoppe her suite; hee fledde the seconde tyme, and
(as it is thought) remayneth beyonde the Seas, where hee
was before.

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The testimonie of his Parishioners.

EDIASMUCH as some uncharitable people, not satisfied with
the guiltlesse blood of M. Storre our late Minister, giue
out slaunderous speches against him now dead, as proeceed-
ing from vs his Parishioners: Wee therefore willing to
cleare our selues from such vtruetys, doe giue to vnder-
stand to whom these presentes shall come: that as (no doubt)
the fact was haynous before God; so is it a thing most grie-
vous vnto vs, aswell in regard of his wife and two small
Children, whose staffe of bread (as himselfe layd) by this
meanes is broken; as also chiefly that such a man shoulde
thus perish amongst vs, whose learning, diligence, and dex-
teritie in teaching the word of God was equall (as we are
perswaded) to the better sort of his fellow Ministers: his
conuersation so answerable to his doctrine, and his carriage
such in all his assayzes, that (in our iudgement) it might
haue been a president to direct a ciuill, and christian life.
Thus having witnessed the truthe in the premisses, wee
cease. From Market Raisin.

Edm. Wright.	Mich. Iesoppe.	Tho. Harwicke.
Huw. Chapman.	Rich. Wright.	Will. Dannoitte.
John Dannoitte.	Chris. Gyfford.	John Carter.
John Ruster.	Wil. Wright.	Will. Hanstrey.
Rick. Pockley.	Cbrist. Wright.	Leo. Hill.
Alex. Lammimg.	Mich. Hanson.	John Taylor.
Rob. Lillie.	Hen. Parker.	Iam. Robinson.
Tho. Brakes.	Per. Parker.	Edw. Fawfisse.

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The Testimoniſe of Knights and Esquires.

B eing requested, for ſome ſpeciall cauſes, to deliuere un-
der our handes what wee knew concerning M. Storre
late Vicar of Market Raisin, Wee whose names are
ſubſcribed, neigheours ſomewhat neare adioyning, thought
it our Christian duetie to yeelde testimonie therein accor-
dingly. And therefore doe ſignifie, that wee accoupt the
manner of his death, a part of moft barbarous crueltie; ſo
wee much lament that it happened to a man ſo well approu-
ued generally for a good Scholler, a painefull Preacher,
and for many other commendable partes, which (if by un-
timely death hee had not been cut off,) might otherwayes
haue been greatly beneficiale both to the Church, and Com-
mon wealth. Gien at Lincolne.

<i>George S'poll.</i>	<i>Thomas Grantham.</i>
<i>Edward Ayscoghe.</i>	<i>Thomas Dalison.</i>
<i>Edward Tyrwhitte.</i>	<i>Vincent Fulnesby.</i>
<i>Phillip Tyrwitte.</i>	

{ Knights.

<i>Char. Meitham.</i>	<i>Richard Gedney.</i>
<i>Ric. Rosſeter.</i>	<i>Edw. Saltmarsh.</i>
<i>Fran. Bullingham.</i>	

{ Esquires.

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The Testimoniſe of Preachers.

Whereas upon the late Murder of William Storre
Printer of Artes and Preacher, at Market Rai-
ſin in the Countie of Lincoln, there hath been
set abroche certaine reportes regarding to his dis-
grace, in fauour (as it is thought) of the offendour: Wee
therefore the Ministers, to whom hee was well knowne, ei-
ther by neerenesse or dweling, or by conuerting with him,
doe signifie to all thole to whom this our Testimoniſe shall
comme, that wee alwayes held, and reputed the ſayd William
Storre, not onely for his Learning, and ſufficientie in his
calling, a man farre passing many others: but also of ſuch
honest, and commendable bearing of himſelfe in his life and
conuerſation, that his greatest Aduertaries could neuer
whiile he lyued, (as wee are verily perfwaded) iutly take
exception againſt him. In witneſſe whereof, we haue ſub-
ſcribed our names.

Law. Stanton.	Theo. Tarzey.
George Garth.	Theo. Burton.
Alex. Southmiche.	Rich. Reneger.
John Chadwick.	Geor. Elan.
Roger Parkr.	Hen. Nelson.
Rich. Terfwell.	Will. Mayſon.

Doctors, & Bette-
liers of Diuinitie.

John Downes.	Hugh Browne,
Amos Bedford.	Pauſt Bal. aie.
Cuth. Dale.	Rich. Dauman.
John White.	Rob. Houghton.
Will. Symonds.	Rich. Preston.
Will. Lewnd.	Nich. Clarke.

Maifters of Art.

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The testimonie of the Vniuersitie.

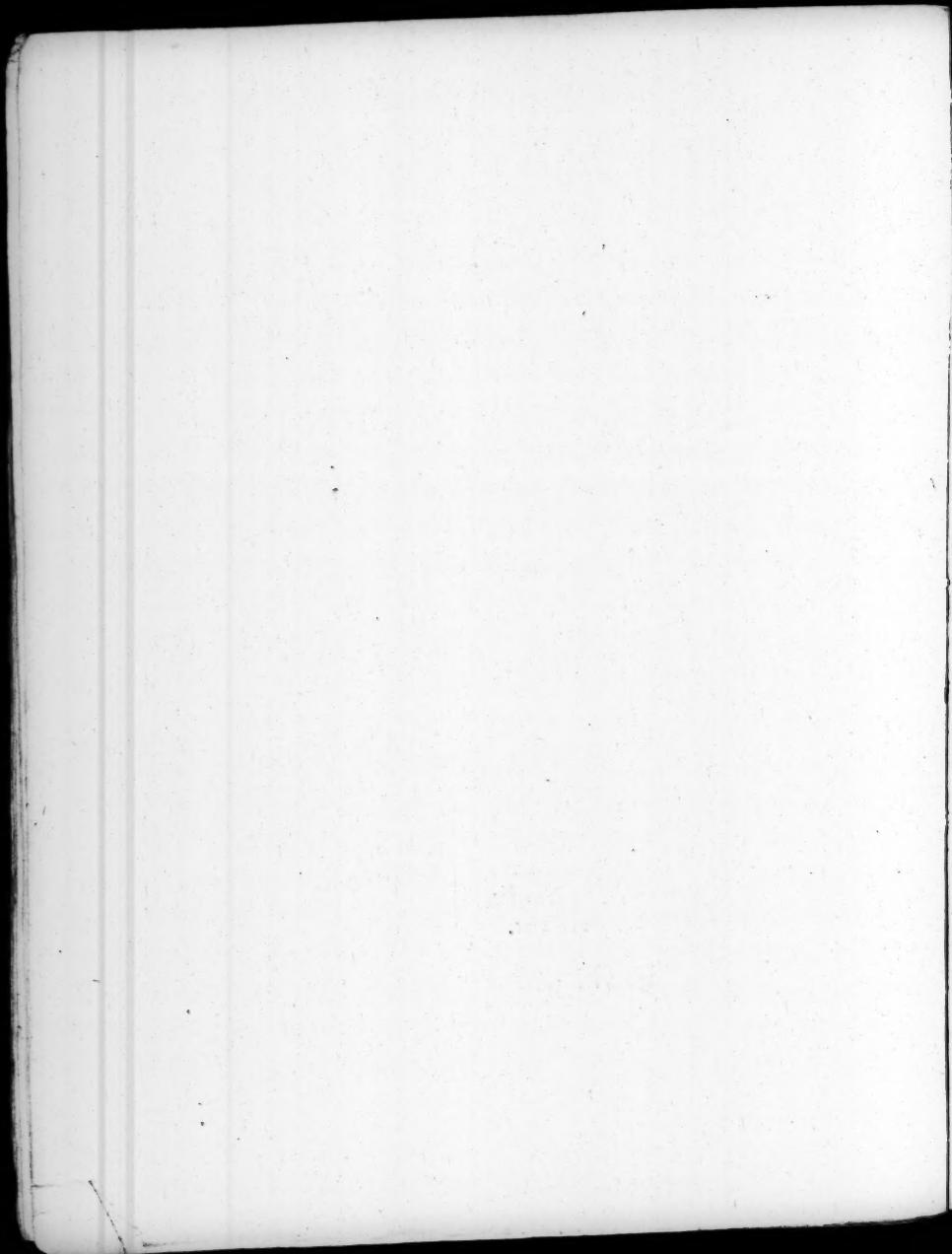
FYRASINUCH AS WEE ARE INTRACED BY CERTAINE MINISTERS OF THE COUNTIE OF LINCOLNE, TO SIGNIFI WHAT OPINION WEE HELDE OF WILLIAM STORRE MAISTER OF ARTES, AND LATE FELLOW OF CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEDGE: WEE WHOSE NAMES ARE UNDERRITTEN, DOE BY THESE PRESENTES, GIVE HIM THIS TESTIMONIE; THAT SOZ THE TIME OF HIS ABOADE IN OUR UNIERSITIE, HEE SHEWED HIMSELFLE VERY SOBER, AND HONEST IN HIS CONVERSATION: HEE WAS OF QUIET CARRIAGE IN HIS PLACE, STUDIOUS, LEARNED, AND RELIGIOUS: OF GREAT, AND SPECIALL HOPE TO PROOUE A WORTHY MEMBER IN THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, OXON.

John Horson Vicarcan Oxon.

Edm. Lillie.	John Williams.	Doctors of Divinity.
Rich. Kilby.	Leon. Hutton.	
Ralph Ketell.	Tho. Holland.	
John Aghonbyes.	Geor. Abbot.	
Nich. Higges.	Hen. Airey.	
John Rainolus.	Will. Thorne.	
John Perin.		

Tho. Luddington.	Pet. Hooker.	Batchelors of Divinitie.
Chris. Membray.	John Barcham.	
Christ. Chalfount.	Edw. Hyrst.	
Robert Burboll.	Tho. Burton.	
Ri. Crakanborpe.	Henry Hindle.	
Sebast. Benfeld.	Rich. Alleine.	

FINIS;





The cruell Murder of a yong Maiden,
committed by Elizabeth Iames, of the Parish of
Egham in Surrey, most strangely revealed, by a
dogge, and a dumb-woman, for which blement
dy falle (being with child) she yeth car-
denn'd in the VVhite Lyon in Southwarke.

All the life of a wise-man, is a meditation of death : Aug.

Happy are those men that are so truly wise: for this serious meditation of death, is a sure shield of defence, against the multitude of most grievous, and dangerous temptations, that in this world, men are subiect unto. Out of such a divine meditation spake S. Hierome these words: Whether I eate or drinke, or whatsoeuer I doe, methinkes I heare alwaies sounding in mine eares, *surgit mortui, &c.* Arise you dead, and come to iudgement. Happy, thrice happy is that man, that this most blessed meditation of death and iudgement, prepares and makes ready (in the multitude of the mercies of Christ Jesus) for death and iudgement: But how this sweet meditation is neglected, and the meditation of mischiese respected, and practised, is by the many cruel, bloody and damnable ends of it, almost every day, and in every place laid open unto vs. And among others, let vs look with weake eyes, and heavy hearts, vpon the cruelty of Elizabeth Iames, a Keepers wife of the Parish of Egham in Surrey, which was thus.

It chaunced that a young Mayden, going to sake a seruite, came to the house of this woman, and desired her pitty, either to take her in, and entertain her as a servant, or there, as a Boarder.

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to let her stay a little time; till she might (thereabout) heare of a service, and she would willingly content her sufficiently, both for her boord, and house-roome: this woman seeing the Mayde, to be a pretty young wench, and handsomely appareled; but especiallly minding the profitable promise she made her, with an outward shew of pious compassion, & pity, tooke her into her house; where, for a time, she so kindly and louingly vsed her, that the poore harmlesse Mayden thought her selfe very happy, that it was her chance to find out so god and vertuous a woman. But as tis commonly said; They that know least mischiefe, mistrust least; and so consequently, are soonest deceipted. Tis apparent betwene these two, for this deceitfull woman, when shee percei'd the Mayd had some stoures of mony, by little, and little, some at one time, and some at an other, she were left boorrowing of her, till shee had left no more to lend her; and not onely thus deceipted her of her money, but her cloathes also: when this poore Mayden had many times, patiently demanded them, and could not get them, shee was foylt to complaine to her Master, vr h[er], till then, knew nothing of his wifes cosenage, and hard vsage of her: He pitthyng the Maydens plaint, and very (honestly) willing that shes should haue her owne, spoke somewhat sharply to his wife about them, and forced her to retorne unto her, that indny and apparel, that she so deceiptfully had taken from her. Whereupon, much strife arose betwene this wicked woman, and her honest well-meaning husband: but of this god that he intended, much more esill succeeded; for the next day her husband beeing gone forth, about his ordinary busynesses, as looking to his grounds, and such like: this cruell woman, being empty of all grace, (as we haue before sayd) no thought of death and iudgement, no loue to heaven, nor feare of hell in her boord, most mercilely dragg'd this silly mayden, by the haire of her head, into an inner Roome, where hauing her at that aduantage she looked for, shes drew her knife, and told her that now shere would be soundly revenged vpon her for the hard words, and blowes, that she had received from her husband, upon the complaint that she had made against her.

The poore Mayden, seeing there was no hope of life, but in mercy, vpon her knees, with her hands heau'd vp, her eyes drooping

The cruell murther of a young Mayden.

ping, and such pittifull greauning, as woulde haue extorted
pitty from a Pagan, entreated that she woulde not kill her,
and told her, that all that she had (if she woulde be somer-
cifull) shoulde bee hers, and that she woulde presently be
gone, without speaking any word to any creature, of the
mischefles, she intended against her.

But neither her promises, prayers, feares, groanes,
nor any other pitty-mouing action, that past from her,
could turne that moze then Tiger-hearted woman, from
that bloody purpose: so presently shes began her butche-
rie at the throate of this poore Mayden; which when shes
had so cruelly cut, (her hands reaking in the blood of it)
with a hatchet that shes had ready for the purpose, shes cut
off her head: then by the diuell prompted still, to the very
utmost of this most horrid impiety, shes cut her poore woun-
ded body into many small peeces, some of which shes burnt,
some broild, and some in the dead time of night, shes buried
in her garden.

Her husband at his returne, when he mist the maiden,
thought nothing, but that his wife had giuen her her due
(as hee commandedy) and turn'd her away. A day or two
after, he was purposed to go digge that bed in his gaeden,
under which his wife had buried the bloody pieces of that
poore maidens body: but he perceyving his purpose, de-
sired him of all lone, that he woulde not stirre that bed, nor
in any sort meddle with it, because shes had bestowed great
labour, and cost in seedes, that shes had but newly sowne in
it: he thinking of no such mischiefes, as he fear'd would be
discovered, did not goe as he purposed, but forsooth, as
she requested.

Thus, for a time, this bloody murther lay concealed,
though to reveale it a poore dumbe woman, that saw the
cruelty acted, many times, and to many persons, by her
signes, and dumbe shewes, so well as she could did laboure
her best to bewray it. But from all her signes, as pulling
her selfe by the haire, drawing her hand o're her throate,
stabbing her selfe (as it were) vpon the brest, wjinging

The cruell murther of a young Mayden.

Her hands; weeping or any thing that she could doe, they could not gather any thing that they knew how to make any matter of.

But here see the certainty of the sacred word of the Almighty; which sayes, that he that smites a man that he die, shall die for it, Exod. 21. See here (I say) the godnesse of this omnipotent God, that sees sinne, hates sinne, and will punish sinne: When this dumb woman sufficiently expressed her insaning, to make them understand her, a hungry doggs senting about for prey, in the garden of this bloody madnesse, sent out the peices of that poore Maiden, that she had ther buried, and then never left scraping up the earth, till he found the head of her, which (by the haire of it) he carried in his teeth, and thers before the honest keeper, Goodman lames, the bloody harkt woman his wife, and other of his Neighbores that were with him laid it down: Upon the sight of this, they were all very much amased, the innocent persons at the strangenesse of it, and the madnesse with her feare. Then againe, this poore dumb woman, made signes to resolve them absolutely of the murder, in which she tooke vp the head, and pointing to the madnesse, shewd how she cut it off. Then wastynge them with her hand to haue them follow her, she went into the garden, and there pointed to the bed, that the poore murdered matwe was hid in. Her husband seeing this, presently call'd to mind, his woes for bidding him to dig in it, and the excuse that she made to prevent him, and by these circumstancies began to haue settled thoughts of the truelnes of his wife, in the murdering of this Maiden, and presently digg'd a little deeper, and found other small piecess of her. The Neighboors likewise, by all these and other guilty signes they saw in her, (which did as it were intrepilate confession betray her) did presently apprehend her as a Murdesse, when being carried before a Justice, she was sent vp to the white Lyon in Southwarke, wheresong she lay not, ere at S. Margers hill, she was arraign'd, and sentenced to her deserved death: but because shee is

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with child, her execution is put off, till after her delivery.
From this sinne, and all other, god Lord deliver vs.

But now, tho this little be too much, I must speake
somewhat more of this bloody sin, but brefly, because yet
the cruell actor, or actors, cannot be found, or heard of.

Vpon Friday last, being the second day of July, a maid
going a milking, neare Finchly, and with her a young
man, her fellow servant, having a mastiffe dogge with
him: This dogge, while they were about their busynesse,
strayd from them, senting vp and downe, to finde some
what to sado, and going thus too and fro (not farre from
the place where they were) in a by field, neare Newgate
lane, he found the slaughtered body of a man, vpon which
the dogge staide feeding. After a little time, the young
man missing him, whistled and called about for him; and
by and by the dogge leapt o're a hedge out of the field, and
came to him, and being come presently hee retired to the
dead body againe. The young man maruellung to see him
so hastyly and greedily go backe againe, followed him, and
being come to the place, found him feeding very earnest-
ly vpon a leg of that dead body, all which he had almost ea-
ten (for which, the young man presently after fearing,
that having had a taste of humaine flesh, he would be rau-
nous after it stil, and so prey vpon children, hanged him.)
But (as I was saying): this young man and the maid
seeing this lamentable spectacle, ran presently vp to the
Towne and told it, which was no sooner spoke, but ma-
ny both men and women came downe to see him, but a-
mongst them all, there was not any that knew him.

The body it seemed had lyen long in that place, before
it was thus found out, for the haire was falle from the
head of it, and lay theraby in a cloth that had been bound
about it, the eyes pickt cleane out of their places, and (as
some say) the empty holes, were fill'd vp with the dung
of birds, and some other such like filthinesse: his bodie
stunke so insufferably, that no man almoſt could endure

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to come within any reasonable distance of it. In the wounds that were to be seene vpon his body, was to bee seene, the most inhumane, bloody, and ineskeable cruelty, of that, or those Cains, thos marble hearted villaines that there had kill'd him, for he had thre or fowre thrusts, quicke through his body, neare the heart, his nose was cut off, and his cheeks were slit, and crost so lamentably, that it was euē a terrore almost to behold him.

Thus, fowre dayes (after he was remou'd from the priuiate place, where he was found) did he ly open, neare the high way, to the view of all passengers, to find if any amongst the multitude, that came to see him could kno w him. But, whether by reason his face, was so grieuously disfigured with cuts, or otherwise, I knowe not, but there hath not beeene any yet heard of, that could either tell his name, or the place of his dweling.

But by whom soever murdered, or wheresoever hee dwelt, he now lies there buried in the high way, neare the place wheres hee was murdered, and found : and till the Murderers can be found here is al that can be spokē of him; what they are, and where they are God knowes, and will (no doubt) at his good wil and pleasure reueale them. For, howsoeuer they doe yetly hidden from the eyes of men, from the all-seeing eye of the almighty God, they do not: but that's a thing we too seldomethinke on. For as a reverend Doctor sayes concerning this: If we could alwaies haue in minde these three things, viz. that there is an eye aboue vs, that sees all we do, an eare that heares all we say, and a booke, in which all our words and deds are written, we shold never sin, (meaning capitally).

This Almighty God, that sees all, heares all, and knowes all, give vs all grace to meditate of those things, and labour in those things, that make to his honoř, and glory, and the happiness of our soules, with hym in his blessed kingdome, everlastingly, Amen.

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